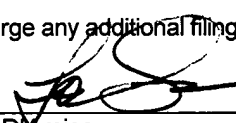


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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated December 22, 2003, finally rejecting claims 2-5, 8, 10-12 and 42-45, and accompanies the concurrent filing of an RCE. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.